Expert Committee to restrict the use of BHC at its present level has been accepted by the Government. The "reports on DDT aldrin, dieldrin, ch-lordane, heptachlor and EDB are tinder examination. The use of en-drin has already been phased out in India.

Number of AIR Stations in the country and the area and population covered thereunder

471. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) the total number of AIR stations in the country at present;

(b) the area and population covered by each station;

(c) the areas and the population left to be covered; and

(d) the number of AIR stations likely to be opened in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT); (a) There are 94 radio stations in the country at present.

(b) The area and population covered by each station is given in the statement attached as Annexure. [See Appendix CXLVH, Annexure No. 2l]

(c) with the commissioning of 7th Plan projects the area and population left to be covered state-wise is given in the statement attached as Annexure. [See Appendix CXLVIII. Annexure No. 22.]

. (d) By March, 1989 new radio stations at 22 centres are envisaged to be ready for commissioning.

Urban Development Project of Tamil Nadu

472. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether any project for Urban Development in Tamil Nadu was submitted to World Bank in the past, »if so, details of the project along with areas covered and nature of the project;

(b) whether the World Bank has approved the project or not, if so, details thereof;

(c) how many people will be benefited in each city and town; and

(d) whether any preference will be given in allotment of sites to socially weaker sections, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project estimated to cost a total of Rs. 632.60 crores has been approved by the World Bank. The project would have components of Sites and Services, Slum Improvement, Traffic Management and Transport etc. and would cover ten urban agglomerations viz; Madras, Coimba-tore, Madurai, Trichy, Salem, Tirune-lveli. Erode, Tuticorin, Vellore and Tiruppur.

(c) A total population of 8.6 million would be covered.

(d) The residential plots would be provided primarily for Low Income Groups.